

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An attaching plate for attaching a speaker, the attaching plate comprising:

a hole in which the speaker is attached; and

a ~~cutout portion~~ single substantially arc-shaped slot formed ~~along at least part of the~~ periphery of the hole, ~~the cutout portion suppressing a propagation of vibration generated by the~~ speaker.

2. (previously presented): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the speaker is attached to the attaching plate with no gap there between.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the single substantially arc-shaped slot ~~cutout portion~~ is filled with a filler.

5-8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cutout ~~portion~~ single substantially arc-shaped slot comprises a fold-back portion in which the edge of the single substantially arc-shaped slot ~~attaching plate~~ is folded back to a rear side ~~thereof~~ of the attaching plate.

10. (previously presented): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the speaker is configured to output a sound.

11. (previously presented): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the attaching plate further comprises a panel provided on a door of a vehicle.

12. (new): An attaching plate for attaching a speaker, the attaching plate comprising:
a first hole in which the speaker is attached; and
a cutout portion comprising a plurality of second holes intermittently arranged along the periphery of the first hole and forming a single arc.

13. (new): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 12, wherein each of the plurality of second holes is an arc-shaped slot.

14. (new): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 12, wherein each of the plurality of second holes is a round hole.

15. (new): An attaching plate for attaching a speaker, the attaching plate comprising:
a first hole in which the speaker is attached;
a first cutout portion comprising a plurality of second holes intermittently arranged along the periphery of the first hole and forming a single arc; and
a second cutout portion comprising a plurality of third holes intermittently arranged along the periphery of the first cutout portion and forming a single arc.

16. (new): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of second holes is an arc-shaped slot.

17. (new): The attaching plate as claimed in claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of third holes is an arc-shaped slot.